

AGAIN MISUNDERSTAND CONSTANCY OF RUSSIANS

German Boast That Czar's Armies Have Been Destroyed Is

Not True.

READY FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN

Great Masses of Cossacks Now Forming to Worry Invaders When Snow Freezes—Neutrals Are Working to

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, September 16.—Colonel Repington, military expert for the London Times, writes:

"In the midst of desolation, and at the opening of the bad season, the Germans will have to decide what they will do next. It is true that the comparative proximity of the German bases and the German methods give the present enemy advantages which Napoleon never possessed in Russia, but armies in winter must be sheltered or perish."

"The systematic destruction of towns, villages and farms, and the withdrawal of all local supplies will certainly affect the German operations most in-

"As in 1812, Napoleon misunderstood the character of the Czar and the constancy of the Russian people, so to-day is the old misunderstanding reproduced. In order to intimidate neutrals, and perhaps lay a basis for an inclusive peace, the Germans boast that they have destroyed the Russian armies. This boast is not true.

"On parallel fronts, so hateful to the Germans and against successive and well-defended positions, the Kaiser's troops will now have to penetrate Russia at the cost of more losses and at a season when his armies will waste rapidly by exposure and disease.

"The Russians have a habit of winter campaigning, and will not leave the

back are forming, and when the snow freezes will begin to worry the Germans. Still worse will be the avowal in the eyes of the world of the failure of the German enterprise and the impossibility of the German strategy to attain the aims of the German policy.

**VAST HOSTS IN RUSSIA
PREPARING TO RENEW WAR**

"In Russia vast hosts are preparing to renew the war. In every allied and neutral country all available troops are working day and night to supply the munitions that Russia needs. The effect of these preparations is already becoming manifest in the firmer countenance of the Russian rear guards, and in the offensive operations which have been undertaken at several points.

"Even if during the winter 1,000,000 Germans could be transferred from the

Germans now in the west, they would find themselves faced by greater numbers of French, British and Belgians and by nothing of the mud of Flanders and other immense losses, such as they would assuredly suffer, they would be unable to pursue their campaign either east or west with any hope of success.

"No matter what the German decision is, the allies can regard it with equanimity.

"There is the question not only of what the enemy proposes to do next, but what we and our allies propose to

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